

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph:

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 8, line 2 has been amended to recite “~~said~~ routing update.” Applicant submits that this term and all other terms recited by the claims thus have a proper antecedent basis. Claim 9 depends from claim 8. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 17 and 22 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,177,646 in view of Ramjee et al. (U.S. ‘462). Attached is a timely filed terminal disclaimer. Applicant submits that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Since the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1, 17 and 22 has been overcome, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable. Since the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome as discussed above, Applicant submits that claim 8 and 9 are also allowable. Section 5 (page 3) of the Office Action indicates that claims 2-7, 10-16 and 18-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been maintained herein. All pending claims are now allowable.

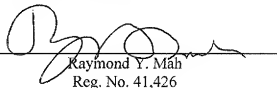
Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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